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1. RE REFTEL A, SUBCOMMITTEE TODAY AGREED THAT FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION BE CONTAINED IN ITS DRAFT OF COUNCIL REPS REPORT TO COUNCIL ON SECGEN'S SEATO REVIEW REPORT RE MILITARY PLANNING:

"ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE ARE VARYING NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RETENTION OF MILITARY PLANS, COUNCIL REPS RECOMMEND THAT ALL PLANS BE RETAINED, BUT THAT ALL CURRENT MILITARY PLANNING ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE SUSPENDED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS MILADS DEEM SECRET

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OTHERWISE."

EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS PHRASING MEETS US POSITION ON MATTER. WE AGREED TO THAI REQUEST THAT "COUNCIL REPS" REFERENCE BE DELETED, REALIZING THAT ANY MILAD PROPOSAL THAT SEATO ENGAGE IN FURTHER MILITARY PLANNING, OR SUPPORT OF ANY SUCH PROPOSAL, WOULD REQUIRE PRIOR POLITICAL APPROVAL.

2. RE PARA 1, REFTEL B, SUBCOMMITTEE TODAY AGREED TO FOLLOW-ING RECOMMENDATION RE FUTURE FUNCTIONS MILADREPS:

"MEMBER COUNTRIES SHOULD GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO SECGEN'S PROPOSAL THAT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MIL ADREPS SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO THE RESPECTIVE EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHES OR SUCH OTHER PERSONNEL AS MEMBER COUNTRIES DEEM APPROPRIATE."

3. RE PARA 2, REFTEL B, SUBCOMMITTEE TODAY AGREED TO FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION RE SINGLE BUDGET:

"COUNCIL REPS RECOMMEND THAT THERE SHOULD BE ONE CONSOLIDATED SEATO BUDGET AS PROPOSED BY THE SECGEN. FOR THOSE MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE SEATO BUDGET FROM SEPARATE PORTIONS OF THEIR NATIONAL BUDGET, CALCULATIONS SHOULD BE MADE WHICH PERMIT SEPARATE CIVIL AND MILITARY CONTRIBUTIONS."

COMMENT: IN INTEREST OF TIME, SUBCOMMITTEE HAD TO AGREE TO SOME PHRASING ON THIS SUBJECT IN ORDER PRESENT DRAFT REPORT TO COUNCIL REPS BEFORE THEIR NEXT MEETING AUGUST 21. IF ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD FIND LEGAL OR ACCOUNTING PROBLEMS WITH DRAFT RECOMMENDATION, OUR POSITION COULD BE MADE KNOWN WHEN COUNCIL REPS CONSIDER DRAFT. END COMMENT.

4. COPIES OF SUBCOMMITTEE'S DRAFT REPORT WILL BE POUCHED TO EA/RA AND CINCPAC EARLY NEXT WEEK WHEN PRODUCED; SUFFICIENT COPIES WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DISTRIBUION TO DOD/ISA AND JCS. UNGER

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